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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

24. (Currently Amended) A method for preparing a recombinant adenoviral vector comprising the steps of:

- (a) introducing into a prokaryotic cell:
- (i) a first DNA fragment comprising ~~all or part~~ at least the encapsidation region and the 3' and 5' ITRs of an adenoviral genome, and
  - (ii) a second DNA fragment comprising said exogenous DNA sequence surrounded by flanking sequences A and B which are homologous to (i), and
- (b) culturing the prokaryotic cell obtained in (a) under suitable culture conditions to allow intermolecular homologous recombination and insertion of the exogenous DNA into the first DNA fragment to occur, and recovering the resulting recombinant adenoviral vector;

wherein the recombinant adenoviral vector comprises the encapsidation region and the 3' and 5' ITRs.

25. (Previously Added) The method according to claim 24, characterized in that the adenovirus is an adenovirus of human, canine, avian, bovine, murine, ovine, porcine or simian origin.

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